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# **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY**



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## **NORTH DAKOTA**

**(North Dakota) Flu season hits hard in N.D.** The North Dakota Department of Health has reported widespread influenza activity for the first time this influenza season and is reminding everyone that it is not too late to be vaccinated.

<http://www.minotdailynews.com/page/content.detail/id/591108/Flu-season-hits-hard-in-N-D-.html>

**(North Dakota) North Dakota Senator to Meet With Top Regulator on Oil-by-Rail Safety:** Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., is pressing senior Obama administration officials to boost rail-safety standards following the recent explosion of tankers carrying crude oil produced in his state's booming Bakken region.

<http://www.nationaljournal.com/energy/north-dakota-senator-to-meet-with-top-regulator-on-oil-by-rail-safety-20140107>

**(Devils Lake) Devils Lake elevator will be rebuilt; fire likely caused by spontaneous combustion:** Spontaneous combustion is the likely cause of a fire this week that destroyed a Dakota Dry Bean elevator in Devils Lake. However, the official cause of the Sunday night blaze is listed as undetermined, according to Devils Lake Fire Chief Jim Moe.

[http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/281889/publisher\\_ID/40/](http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/281889/publisher_ID/40/)

## **REGIONAL**

Nothing Significant to Report

## **NATIONAL**

**(National) GAO: Security breach response by feds is uneven.** The U.S. Government Accountability Office released a report January 8 citing that several U.S. agencies are inconsistent with responding to security breaches that involved personally identifiable information (PII) and do not consistently document the evaluation of incidents and lessons learned.

<http://fcw.com/Articles/2014/01/08/GAO-security-PII.aspx>

**(National) 'Polar vortex' blamed for at least 21 deaths.** The so-called "polar vortex" of dense, frigid air that spread across the country shattering temperature records is being blamed for at least 21 cold-related deaths across the country

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since Sunday, including seven in Illinois and six in Indiana.

<http://www.foxnews.com/weather/2014/01/08/polar-vortex-blamed-for-at-least-21-deaths/>

### **INTERNATIONAL**

**(International) Warning issued about oil shipped from ND, Mont.** The U.S. Department of Transportation issued a safety alert January 2 saying that crude oil being shipped by rail from the Bakken oil patch in the Northern Plains across the U.S. and Canada may be more flammable than traditional forms of oil due to its ability to ignite at a lower temperature.

<http://timesleader.com/news/apbusiness/67828054958772457032/Warning-issued-about-oil-shipped-from-ND-Mont.>

**(International) Prison Locker virus threatens to flood market.** Researchers at Malware Must Die identified a new piece of ransomware being advertised on underweb marketplaces named Prison Locker that encrypts all files on a computer except system files and .exe files and demands a ransom. Symantec researchers reported that the ransomware may already be in the wild after they obtained a piece of ransomware that they suspect is Prison Locker.

<http://www.scmagazineuk.com/prison-locker-virus-threatens-to-flood-market/article/328183/>

### **BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

**(South Carolina) Pepper spray routs Charleston nightclub's New Year's Eve party.** Officials are investigating an incident at Club Pantheon in Charleston, South Carolina, after an individual released stinging pepper spray on the dance floor December 31. Over 200 people were evacuated from the bar and 8 patrons were

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treated by emergency personnel.

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20140102/PC16/140109897>

### **COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR**

**(International)** T-Mobile warns customers that hackers obtained their SSNs. T-Mobile notified customers that attackers breached a server operated by one of the company's suppliers and obtained names, addresses, driver's license numbers, and Social Security numbers for an undisclosed amount of customers in November 2013. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/T-Mobile-Warns-Customers-That-Hackers-Obtained-Their-SSNs-414524.shtml>

### **CRITICAL MANUFACTURING**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **ENERGY**

**(Oklahoma)** Oklahoma oil and gas well operators must report hydraulic fracturing chemicals. All oil and gas well operators in Oklahoma are now required to report the chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission or to a Web site that was created in 2011 for reporting chemical makeup as a result of a new law that went into effect January 2014.

<http://www.pennenergy.com/articles/pennenergy/2014/01/oklahoma-oil-and-gas-well-operators-must-report-hydraulic-fracturing-chemicals.html>

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### **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

(National) FSIS releases new compliance guidelines for hog facilities. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service released new compliance guidelines January 6 on controlling Salmonella levels at hog facilities in response to pork being implicated in recent outbreaks.

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2014/01/fsis-releases-new-compliance-guidelines-for-hog-facilities/>

**(Minnesota) 3,700 pigs die in Hardwick farrowing facility fire Sunday night.**

Authorities are investigating a January 5 fire that broke out at the New Horizons Farms hog farrowing facility near Hardwick, Minnesota, that killed approximately 3,700 pigs and destroyed the facility. <http://kwoa.com/news/2014/01/06/eight-departments-battle-hog-barn-blaze>

### **GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)**

**(Minnesota) Heating failure disrupts Minn. Health Dept. lab, leaves \$1M in damage.** Operations at the Minnesota Department of Health lab in St. Paul were temporarily suspended after a heating system failure caused some building systems to freeze and leak water, leaving an estimated \$1 million in damage.

<http://www.myfoxtwincities.com/story/24379974/heating-failure-disrupts-minn-health-dept-lab>

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**(New Hampshire) Virus attacks Greenland Town Hall computers.** Greenland Town Hall computers became infected with the ransomware virus CryptoLocker after an employee inadvertently opened an email containing the malware December 26. Officials missed the deadline for paying the ransom and lost 8 years of electronic data. <http://www.seacoastonline.com/articles/20140102-NEWS-401020387>

**(International) Critical backdoor in Linksys and Netgear routers found.** A security researcher identified a backdoor in certain Netgear and Linksys routers' firmware that can be used to reset the devices to default settings, including default

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administrator passwords. Other brands of routers manufactured by the same company may also be affected. <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=16155>

**(International)** 40% of iOS banking apps leak sensitive data through system logs. A researcher at IOActive analyzed 40 mobile banking apps for iOS devices and found several security issues, including that 40 percent of apps were vulnerable to man-in-the-middle attacks. <http://news.softpedia.com/news/40-of-iOS-Banking-Apps-Leak-Sensitive-Data-Through-Systems-Logs-415274.shtml>

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

**(Illinois)** Illinois hospital makes changes after investigation into 'superbug' outbreak. Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge changed its sterilization procedures after an investigation by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention was prompted by an outbreak of a bacterial infection. Dozens of patients were affected by the outbreak with some cases apparently linked to a tainted endoscope at the hospital. <http://www.tribtown.com/view/story/608be14983c74f3ebfd3f4afdca6d7fa/IL--Hospital-Outbreak>

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **WATER AND DAMS**

**(South Dakota)** Half a million gallons likely lost after crew breaks water main. A work crew accidentally ruptured a 12-inch high-pressure PVC main in Rapid City January 7, causing around 500,000 gallons of water to be lost before water could be shut off and the line repaired. [http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/half-a-million-gallons-likely-lost-after-crew-breaks-water/article\\_8ba5f31c-03d1-54c0-a859-52daa59abaf3.html](http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/half-a-million-gallons-likely-lost-after-crew-breaks-water/article_8ba5f31c-03d1-54c0-a859-52daa59abaf3.html)

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## **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS**

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center:** 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: [ndslic@nd.gov](mailto:ndslic@nd.gov); Fax: 701-328-8175 **State Radio:** 800-472-2121; **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI):** 701-328-5500; **North Dakota Highway Patrol:** 701-328-2455; **US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst:** 701-297-7400; **Bismarck FBI:** 701-223-4875; **Fargo FBI:** 701-232-7241.

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